Vanguard of the American Expeditionary Forces in France Moves Its Lines Within Battle Zone



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WINGS OF FREEDOM



# U. S. TROOPS IN RANGE OF **GERMAN GUNS**

Americans Are Moved Up to the Front Where Two Have Already Been Wounded by Teuton Fire; Many Men Slip Out of Camp and Take Part in Actual Fighting With British Tommies; Proud of Their Wounds

Somewhere Along the British Front in France, Sunday Sept. 23.—On a historic battlefield which merges into the fighting lines are encamped many American troops far removed from the rest of their compatriots who form the vanguard of Uncle Sam's expeditionary force in France.

For military reasons it is impossible to tell the world just where these men are, who they are or what they are doing to further the interests of the entente allied cause, but it may be said on authority to friends at home that they are a credit to the Stripes which for the first time in history fly over a camp of American soldiers in this part of the war-wrecked world. Some of them have been working continually in a zone covered

by German guns and already two of their number have been wounded, a fact whereof they are exceedingly proud.

The Associated Press heard these en were here and sought them out. The visit involved a long motor trip, but the sight of their bronzed faces and the sound of their cheerful, de-

and the sound of their cheerful, de-tormined voices more than repaid for the long journey. They are a fine, healthy looking lot, and nearly two months of hard work in the open under real campaigning conditions has put them in shape and they are ready for anything. Especially are they prepared and anxious to try honors with the Ger-mans. In fact, their only grievance is that for the present they are not permitted, except where necessity de-memy's big guns. They want to feel the thrill that one experiences when explosives are going up all about and when shells herald their approach

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## **GERMANY SOUGHT** TO USE U.S. AS **TOOL IN CRIMES**

America's Protection 'Shamefully Abused and Exploited' by Kaiser Agents

### Berlin Wonders How U. S. Gets Information

London, Sept. 24. — In com-menting on the latest Washington disclosures concerning the activi-ties of Count von Bernstorff, for-mer ambassador to the United States, the Koelnische Volks Zeistates, the Koelnische Volks Zei-tung, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's Limited, says: "This affair, if true, has a very disagreeable character and it is highly regrettable. The American government, God knows how, was able to get hold, apparently, of the whole collection of German diplomatic documents, which it is now exploiting against, us and Sweden."

Washington, Sept. 24 .- The scene of German intrigue shifted to-day to Rumania. This time it is microbes and explosives, found in the German legation at Bucharest while Ru-

Department again is the medium of publicity. Official documents were made pub by the department last night lowing that in August, 1916, while umania still was at peace with Aus-ia and Germany, powerful explo-ves and outburged ia and

es and cultures of microbes "des-ed to infect domestic animals, and adly terrible epidemics also among the human population," were introduced clandestinely into the Ru-manian capital by the personnel of

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**MANY NAMED** SHOULD PLANT AS SLACKERS FRUIT AS WELL **AS SHADE TREES** 

**NEW MAYOR IS** SWORN IN AND HAVE ENLISTED TAKES UP DUTIES

Park Department Officials Board Finds That Majority of J. William Bowman Says He Believe Many People Men on List Are Already

Total ...

Serving Uncle Sam

The City Park Department is plan-ning to plant a number of trees this fall in the various parts of the park system where some of the large shade trees were snapped off and ruined by the heavy storm which passed over the city recently.

the city recently. Because of the need of many more shade trees all over the city. Park Commissioner Gross and Assistant V. Grant Forrer both advocate exten-sive tree-planting this year. In addi-tion to shade trees in yards where there is enough space, fruit trees could be planted, the officials said. A number of men are at work in the city parks trimming the trees which were damaged by the storm so that all possible branches can be possible branches Where some of the trees v

Will Respond

damaged small ones will be ed nearby to replace the older

Only Five Per Cent. to Leave Here Oct. 3

J. William Bowman was sworn in as Mayor of Harrisburg by Acting Mayor Gorgas at a little after 10 o'clock this morning. The oath was administered in the City Clerk's of-fice shortly after a conference had been held with City Solicitor Fox. Mr. Bowman then went to the Mayor's office in the police station and took up the duties of his po-sition at once. He was greeted by the attaches On his desk be found a handsome bouquet of roses sent in by the em-ployes of the Bowman department store.

day dispatch and to the best of his abil-ity and he urged city officials to co-operate with him toward attaining, that end. The Mayor attended police court at the storing how the store court at

Both Sides Preparing Way Maximum Production Agreed Whole Companies Torn Apart Upon as Long as War to Form Fighting Ma-Continues chine For France Washington, Sept. 24 .--- Uniform

Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Sept. 24.—Orders for the reorgani-zation of the Pennsylvania National Guard division have been received steel prices for the American govon both banks of the river Scarpe ernment, the public and the allies, on the Arras front in France, Field which represent reductions of from m the Adjutant General's office in Marshal Haig reported to-day. A forty to seventy per cent. in pres-

**Colonel Finney Transferred** 

to Supply Depot to Train

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forty to seventy per cent. in pres-ent market quotations were approved to-day by President Wilson. The prices were determined in an agree-ducers and the War Industries Board after conferences lasting more than the tork the the time-honored regi-ments of glorious traditions, the prices were determined in an agree-ducers and the War Industries Board to, are entirely dismembered, their personnel being transferred to the four regiments that will make up

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after conferences lasting more than a month. They were based on cost of production figures furnished by the Federal Trade Commission which made an investigation at the President's direction. Under powers conferred in the priority of transportation act the War Industries Board will supervise distribution of steel in a manner best calculated to win the war. Steel prices agreed upon between the government and producers were amnounced to-day as follows: Steel bars at Pittsburgh and [Continued on Page 10.]

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**Reduction** in Costs

NEW BATTLE EXPECTED LABOR IS PROTECTED UNITS ARE TRANSFERRED

sent to France. New Regiments Large These four regiments are the First, of Philadelphia, to be known here-after as the 109th, the Third, of Phil-adelphia, to be known as the 110th; the Tenth, of Pittsburgh, to be known as the 111th, and the Six-teenth, of Pittsburgh, to be known as the 112th. Under this scheme the strength of the division will not be reduced. Its personnel still will con-tinue at more than 27,000 officers [Continued on Page 10.]

**Minority Parties to Plan** 

For a Working Agreement

GERMANS REPULSED Heavy cannonading was again in progress last night on the Flanders battle front northeast of Ypues, but the infantry had a relief from the recent hard fighting. The last Ger-man reaction was not encouraging enough, apparently, to warrant a speedy repetition, as Fleid Marshal Haig in his dispatches last night re-ported that when the Germans as-saulted the British lines northeast of Langemarck yesterday they not only were repulsed, but lost ground in a British counter drive. Signs of possibly important activity impending are appearing in other sections of the British front, notably in the Arras region near the Scarpe, and in the vicinity of Lans, which city is still being closely pressed by the Canadians. Considerable artil-lery activity is announced from these sectors. The actillery on both sides is also By Associated Press Chicago, Sept. 24, — A political working agreement among the Pro-hibitionists, Progressives, Socialists, Single Taxers and Union Labor is said to be the purpose of a confer-ence to be held here October 3. There will be twenty delegates from each contingent, and they will meet behind closed doors.

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**GERMAN HEAVY** 

**GUNS ACTIVE** 

Place of Recent Infantry

Fighting in France

For Fresh Assaults in

Flanders

London, Sept. 24.-German heavy

runs were active early this morning

lerman raiding party near La Baswas driven away after

sharp fight last night with the Brit-

ish. The statement issued to-day by the British war office says:

"A hostile raiding party last night

ear La Basseeville was driven off

ne enemy's artillery was active this morning on both banks of early this morning on both banks of the Scarpe and artillery activity also was shown during the night south of Lens and northeast of Ypres."

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GERMANS REPULSED

of our men are missing.

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**ON WEST FRONT** 

Heavy Cannonading Takes Manufacturers and Govern-

showing recuperative power and day a substantial Russian victory the sector south of the Riga-Psk

the sector south of the Riga-FINGE road. Taking the offensive here the Rus-sian forces captured the German po-sitions they attacked, retaining them after a hard struggle. The German losses were more than 400 in killed and the Russians took a number of prisoners and ten machine guns. The object of the Russian com-mand in initiating this attack and other not dissimilar operations re-cently reported from this front very likely may be the rectification of the line east of the Dvina at points where it is now weak. The need of strengthening it where possible is the line east of the Dvina at pol whére it is now weak. The need strengthening it where possible suggested by the assumption on part of some of the Russian milit critics, that it is the aim of the mans, after establishing themsel mans, after on this bank along toward establishing themselves of the stream to push the southeast for the along toward the southeast for the reduction of Dvinsk, the keystone of the Russian line on the northern front. The Berlin official statement to

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MORE WARRANTS IN ELECTION MURDER charged with murder and Mike O'Sul who is wanted for conspiracy to murder.

4,000 JOIN SHIPYARD STRIKE

Portland, Ore., Sept. 24 .- Approximately 4,000 workmen in three Portland steel shipyards laid down their todis to-day and joined the 3.000 men who walked out o the Portland Wooden shipyards recently to enforce their demands for higher wages and the closed shop .. Worlon government contracts at the yards was halted.

### SUIT IS DISMISSED

Harrisburg-The charge of assault and battery brought Dauphin street, was dismissed by Alderman Landis in police court this afternoon.

Contemplates No Revolutionary Changes William Bowman was sworn in

The city clerk and William D. The city clerk and William D. Block, license tax officer, were pres-ent when the oath was administer-ed. Mr. Bowman remarked that al-though he will hold the office for only a few weeks he means to con-duct the business of the office with dispatch and to the best of his abil-diva and he urged city officials to co-Local boards of Division 1 and 2 were widely censured Saturday and yesterday for issuing lists contain-ing the names of seventy-seven al-leged slackers when later develop-ments showed that a majority of the men mentioned had enlisted. ity and he

station house this afternoon and evening he will attend the meet-

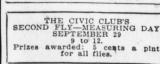
The artillery on both sides is also notably busy on the French front in the Verdun region. Last night its activity reached the stage of intense violence north of the fortress in the Fosses and Chaumes wood regions, Paris reports. Although suffering a heavy re-verse in the recent German operation in the Jacobstadt regions, the Rus-sians on the Riga-Dvinsk front are showing recuperative power and to-

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day claims the capture of large quantities of provisions by the Ger-mans when Jacobstadt, on the Dvina

hand grip and a nearty 1 in mighty glad to see you." One would have known he was in an American camp

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For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair and slightly warmer to-night and Tuesday. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night, slightly warmer in north and west portions. Tuesday fair, slightly warmer. Gentle to mod-erate northeast to east winds.

River The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly to-night and probably Tuesday ex-cept the lower portion of the main river which will remain nearly stationary to-night. A stage of about 3.55 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning

Harrisburg Tuesday morning General Conditions Pressure is high over the eastern part of the United States except the extreme southeast portion where as a result of a disturbance in the Atlantic ocean, apparent-ly moving northward some dis-tion forda, Alabama, Tas fallen in Florida, Alabama, Tas in Florida, Alabama, Tas eastern Nort Carolina. 'I is somewhat cooler than on Sat-urday morning in the Atlantic and East Guif States and Tenne-see, while over practically all the rest of the coultry cast of the Rocky mountains three has been a general rise of two to twelve degrees in temperature.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 48. Sun Rises: 5.56 a. m.; sets, 5.58

Sun Rister . p. m. Moon: Full moon, September 30. River Stage: 3.6 feet above low-water mark.

Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 65 Lowest temperature, 46. Kean temperature, 56. Normal temperature, 63.

trigue, made public trigue, made public without comment in the same manner as the von Lux-burg telegrams, which have brought Argentina on the verge of war with Germany, the von Eckhardt letter from Mexico Çity and the von Bern-storff telegram, asking the German

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the board which previously had no knowledge of the missing men's garbage contract will be ironed out. whereabouts. They claim they were acting under orders of the government.

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F. E. Shambaugh, county superin-tendent of schools, and W. R. Zim-merman, assistant, are planning to send out bulletins in the near future to all county schools calling atten-tion to Arbor Day, October 28, and asking teachers wherever possible to have children plant trees. Each year the districts in many parts of the county have a formal observance of Arbor Day and plant both shade and fruit trees.

In an interview this morning, Mr. Bowman stated that no revolution-ary changes are contemplated dur-ing his brief term in office. "I have not had time to get my bearings." said the new Mayor, "but I may say that any good policies put in force by my predecessors should and will be continued. I am to be in office six weeks, and certainly no revolu-tionary changes will be made during that time." "Must Feel My Way" The Mayor had no time to con-sider many matters of importance, when questioned by a representative of the Telegraph. "If I had been seeking this office, doubtless I would have a program outlined. As it is, I must feel my way," said Mr. Bowman. "Just as the country has been conscripting men to fight in the war for democ-racy, I have been conscripted to fill the office of Mayor for a few weeks. I will do my duty, and will see that the laws are observed." When questioned regarding the police department and its activities, Mr. Bowman remarked that he be-lieved the police organization to be under civil service regulations, but the new Mayor did not give the re-porter the impression that in his opinion the city is going to the proverbial bow-wows.

Murder of Rich Woman When Hearing Is Begun Concord, N. C., Sept. 24.—Gaston B. teans, business agent and confidant

Concord, N. C., Sept. 24.—Gaston B. Means, business agent and confidant of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy widow whose death has resulted in a charge of murder being brought against him, pleaded not guilty at a preliminary hearing begun here to-day. Means, backed by eight lawyers, exercised his privilege of deciling to be examined before Magistrate Palmer and the hearing was con-ducted by Magistrate Pitts. Dr. William Burmeister, coroner's physician of Chicago, testified that in his opinion it would have been im-possible for Mrs. King to have held the pistol, which inflicted her death-wound in the woods near here on August 9. Means, at the coroner's inquest, testified that Mrs. King acci-dentally shot herself and that he was correct wards away. Dh Burmeister dentally shot herself and that he was testified there were no powder marks to support the theory that Mrs. King held the revolver.

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Changes Seats in Airplane Tor First Time in U.S.
Ratchard to deay that the feat of Major Maxwell Kirby who changed seats in an airplane at an elevation of more than 1,000 feet, was the first of list kind ever accomplished in the United States.
Major Kirby arrived Saturday from Dayton, Ohio, where he was in charge of an avlation school. His made his initial flight here yesterday ascending alone in the reas east and using a stick control. When the air and running at the rate of a mile in the rate and running at the rate of a mile in the rate and running at the rate of a mile in the rate and running at the rate of a mile in the rate and running at the rate of a mile in the m

STRIKE STOPS ARGENTINE RATLWAYS Buenos Aires, Sept. 24 .-- A general strike on eleven Argentinian railroads began at midnight last night. Traf-

fic has been absolutely paralyzed on all railroads except some small government lines in the interior. Not a wheel

is moving on any railroad entering Buenos Aires. WOMAN'S BODY 'EXHUMED'

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 24 .- Dr., Charles T. Nesbitt, county health officer, to-day acknowledged that he had issued a permit for the examination of the body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, former wife of the late H. M. Flagler. He said that he was told that a crime had been committed

U.S. TORPEDOBOAT DAMAGED

Washington, Sept. 24 .- The Navy Department announced to-day that a torpedoboat on patrol duty off the Virginia capes has been disabled by a minor mechanical accident on hoard and has been towed into port. The accident involved no injury to any of the crew.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES** 

John Joseph Monroe and Elizabeth Sayder, city. William Garham, White Pine and Bertha Mosman, Lock Haven, a Karol Kosrir and Mary Puirom, Stechton. Claude M. Fox, Philadelphia and Martha A. Rose, Middletown, W